

# Beaverton Police

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## **BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT SADLY ANNOUNCES THE LOSS OF OFFICER DAN BORTOLIN**

Chief David G. Bishop and the Beaverton Police Department are sad to announce the passing of Officer Dan Bortolin on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Officer Bortolin was at home when he collapsed and passed away from natural causes. Chief Bishop stated: "We have lost a friend, a brother and most importantly, the community has lost an officer who was dedicated to their children".

His career in law enforcement began over thirty-years ago as a police officer in Newark, CA. In 1981, both Officer Bortolin and Captain Ed Kirsch (BPD) were personally recruited by Chief Bishop and brought to the Beaverton Police Department. During his career, Officer Bortolin served as a school resource officer, field-training officer, member of the Mobile Response Team, patrol officer and detective.

It was through his position as a school resource officer that Officer Bortolin found his greatest happiness. Officer Bortolin was dedicated to the youth of our community and he was always there for the children. Chief Bishop stated: "Officer Bortolin's legacy will be the thousands of young people's lives that he has touched".

Officer Bortolin served as both a DARE Officer and a School Resource Officer for schools in Beaverton. School children throughout our community affectionately and respectfully referred to him as “Officer Dan”.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1993, Officer Bortolin was credited with saving the life of a student at Vose Elementary School. Officer Bortolin was spending time with students during their lunch hour when one young student began to choke on food. Officer Bortolin immediately rushed to the student and successfully administered the Heimlich Maneuver, clearing the throat and saving the boy’s life. Officer Bortolin was presented with a Life-Saving Award by the Law Enforcement Council of Washington County for his calm, timely and effective response to this life-threatening situation.

The public memorial service for Officer Bortolin will be held on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at Southridge High School (9625 SW 125<sup>th</sup> St. Beaverton). Service arrangements are still being finalized and will be released once completed.